REMARKS

This application is a divisional of the parent application, U.S.S.N. 10/259,110. Claims 1-12 of that application have been cancelled.

Claim 13 has been amended to incorporate a feature of original Claim 16, namely the use of an acidic stop solution prior to bleaching.

New Claims 20-27 are supported in the original disclosure in the following places:

Claim 20: Original Claim 3,

Claim 21: Page 10 (lines 8-11),

Claim 22: Page 10 (lines 12-14),

Claim 23: Original Claim 4,

Claim 24: Original Claim 5,

Claim 25: Original Claim 6,

Claim 26: Page 10 (lines 3-7), and

Claim 27: Original Claim 8

It is believed that this application is ready for examination, and that upon a review of the prior art, it will be readily seen that the application is allowable. Early action to that end is earnestly solicited.

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